Export of handknitted woolen carpets

226. DR. SANJAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to promote export of hand knitted woolen carpets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) The incidence of production or exports of Hand knitted carpets has not been brought to the notice of the Government. However, presuming the intent of the question to be 'Handknitted Carpets', the information is as under :

In order to promote export of handknitted woolen carpets, etc. several steps have been taken by Government which include; sponsoring sales-cum-study teams, participation in fairs in major markets and in buyer-seller *meets* and publicity abroad, grant of duty draw-back, concessional duty on carpet grade wool and double weightage on f.o.b, value of physical exports for the purpose of recognition of an exporting firm as an Export House or trading House. The earnings from exports are free from income tax.

Purchase of cotton by Andhra Pradesh MARKFED

227. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA JI MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh MARKFED was allotted export quota for 30.000 bales of cotton;

(b) if so, whether it was fulfilled;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh MARKFED purchased cotton directly from the growers; and

(d) if so, what is the average price paid to the growers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) Andhra Pradesh MARKFED has been allotted export of 40,000 bales of cotton during the cotton season 1992-93, out of which they have contracted 21,000 bales and for the rest global tenders have been called for.

(c) Andhra Pradesh MARKFED is doing procurement and export business through CCI under Joint venture Account. The cotton exported was being procured in the state of Andhra Pradesh directly from the farmers.

(d) The average prices paid to the growers are as follows :—

	(Rs./per Qtl. of Kapas)
(i) MCTJ-5	Rs. 1150-1130
(ii) LRA	Rs. 1060-1020
(iii) JKHY-I	Rs. 1120-1150
(iv) MECH	Rs. 1030-1105

Welfare scheme under Handloom Development Programme in Andhra Pradesh

228. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any welfare schemes for the Adivasi dominated and backward districts of Andhra Pradesh under the Handloom Development Programme;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the time, by when such schemes are likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, ihe reasons therefor ?